

# TAC Meeting Summary

December 13, 2006

Room 806

Rutledge Building

9:30AM – 1:00PM

## Excent Update

*Lori James, Becky Davis, Cedric Harrison, Joe Bath, Office of Exceptional Children*

- Mandatory hosting solution by 2008 for all districts
- This is the last year to use Entrata to send data.
- 8 user group meetings scheduled in January, 2007
- Working on ways to refine link between SASI and Excent (including queries for data extraction)
- New web page for Excent on SDE website
- Importance of data collections
- Districts want more reports as well as the ability to pull data through query tool and manual data dumps.
- Improve communication between OEC staff and technology staff.

## CIO briefing on new tier system for bandwidth for districts

*Sandra Wilkie, ERate Coordinator.*

- Information will be forthcoming from CIO's office. New tier system will help make internet access equal across the state. All districts agreed this was an equitable method to distribute bandwidth. It was agreed that the districts set the policy on the appropriate use of bandwidth in schools.

## SDE SASI Data Validation Reports

*Thesa Briggs, Office of Technology Programming Services*

- Presented several situations concerning the teacher validation report where she requested suggestions from the districts concerning how to code for said situations, and how they effect the Highly Qualified Teacher reports. The districts suggested that they are concerned only with the core courses, and other data validation issues can be ignored.
- Discussion ensued concerning the use of EEi vs. E when entering 3PK students. Do the districts also use the EIA code of EC3 to mark these students? DTS will check with Finance.
- The State ID field is not included in the validation reports. A separate report will be designed for this.

## Discussion

- Policy Prohibiting Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying – We will wait for more details from Safe Schools prior to making changes in the discipline atom.

Legal states no data collection is required at this time. Districts were concerned about definitions of incident types defined as "Bullying".

- Analytical Tools installed in Districts – TestView, Tetradata dash, District developed tools.
- No Show Process – discussion concerning when to no show (15 days or 1 day) of not attending since 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Districts have different policies. DTS clarified the purpose of temporarily using the SDETemp2 and 3 fields. To automate only those students who move to another district/school (public) within South Carolina. All other situations should be documented as districts have done in the past.
- SUNS – The Edustructures representative was unable to attend meeting. Their attendance will be rescheduled.

### **LDS Update**

- IES Conference – 4 people attended annual conference. All LDS grantee states presented their status of grant progress and exchanged ideas.
- Data Manager RFP – Updated dates of bids opening and review team's receipt of the bids. Bids Open: 1/9/07. Review Team Receive Bids for Evaluation: 1/17/07. Review Team Meets to Score Vendors: 2/15/07
- Identity Manager – Data Networks has been hired install and configure ID Manager 3. Meeting on 12/15 to plan the next steps for doing installation. We anticipate this process will take several months.
- Transcript Center – There was a request to make sure guidance counselors were included the RFP team.
- SIF Server – SDE distributed a handout with proposed server configuration specs. It was announced a special allocation will be provided to the districts to assist in the purchase of a SIF Server.
- Horizontal SIF – Contract to license the Edustructures SIF Works statewide. This will allow districts who want to begin working on horizontal integration. This contract will cover a 3 year implementation period statewide.

### **Other**

### **Course Development**

This session was rescheduled.